

# Welcome to Our Church

Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church  
July 22, 2018  
Phone 925-254-3422    www.holyshepherd.org  
\*\*Office Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Monday - Thursday

## SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES

The Bible and Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in July or August. Our next meeting is on Sunday, 9/16/18, at 12:15 p.m., in the Center for Ministry. Please bring your own lunch. We will begin our study of Acts - Part 2. The only required text is the Bible. The Joy of Living lesson book is an optional resource. If you would like to order the lesson book, please contact Janine Crowe or Lisbeth in the church office by 8/15. The estimated cost of the lesson book is \$25. This group meets on Sundays after church once or twice a month. Additional information will be forthcoming.

The Women's Bible Study group will not be meeting in July or August. Our next meeting is Thursday, 9/20/18, at 9:00 a.m., in the Center for Ministry. We will continue our study of Acts - Part 2. The required texts are the Bible and the Joy of Living lesson book. If you are new to the group, you will need to order a lesson book. Please contact Janine Crowe or Lisbeth in the church office by 8/15 if you will be ordering a lesson book. The estimated cost of the lesson book is \$25. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Additional information will be forthcoming.

**Missing:** If you know where a green 3-hole binder containing the music for the Feast and Celebration service might be, please let the office or Pastor John know. Thank you.

## MATTHEW SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Bryan Oczkus has started a Thursday night men's Hyde Bible Study group covering the Book of Matthew and the Sermon on the Mount. They meet on Thursdays at 7:00

p.m. at Europa in Orinda. All are welcome. Please contact Bryan 925-878-1803, bryanoczkus@gmail.com if you plan to attend or for further questions. Thank you.

**Attendance**    July 15    9:30 a.m.    94

The weekly news inserts are available on the church's website every week - go to [www.holyshepherd.org](http://www.holyshepherd.org) and click on Weekly News.

**\*\*Please note office hours are Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Even though there may be people on the property, there is no one in the office to help or answer questions.**

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## Upcoming Events

<b>August 3</b>	Last Day of Summer School
<b>August 9</b>	Loaves & Fishes / Martinez
<b>August 21</b>	7:00 p.m. PJ's Book Club
<b>August 22</b>	Loaves & Fishes / Pittsburg
<b>September 9</b>	Return to 2 worship services: 8:30 a.m. Traditions 10:45 a.m. Celebrations
<b>September 16</b>	12:15 p.m. Bible & Lunch Bunch, CFM
<b>September 20</b>	9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, CFM

## Welcome to the Family



Antonio, 7, Saidth, 5, and Iliana, 3

## From Rancho Santa Marta - Rod & Tina's Corner

*Sometimes in ministry or for that case in any job you are so involved in the work that you forget the reason or the vision of that work. We were at that point at the ranch. We are focused on school, teachers, students, construction, groups, house parents that we forgot about the kids and the reason why they are here. We received a call from social services asking if we would take on a family, two brothers at seven and five years old and a three year old sister. We only had room for one of the boys, but we made room for both and the sister because we do not believe in separating families. We picked them up from the social services office and we were not welcomed by the boys at all. They were defiant and would not give us a handshake...at first. After five minutes the oldest came up and then came the middle brother. The little three-year-old was outgoing and warmed up to us right away. These three precious children were on their second tour with DIF (Children social services in Mexico). Of course they are going to be angry. They want to be with their family! All three slept on the way down to the ranch and it just made us sad that these three children would have to go through this experience but it made us realize this is why Rancho Santa Marta exists. We are able to provide a home for these children even though*



### Sunday, July 22

9:30 am Combined Worship Service  
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship hosted by Otto & Yvonne Tschudi  
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study  
12:15 pm KCCL Worship

### Monday, July 23

Week 5 Summer Preschool - Mixed-up  
Crazy Week

10:30 am AA Meeting

### Tuesday, July 24

11:00 am LARC  
11:00 am Caregiver Coffee

### Wednesday, July 25

11:00 am LARC

### Thursday, July 26

11:00 am LARC  
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study at Europa

### Friday, July 27

11:00 am LARC  
7:30 pm KCCL Taize

### Saturday, July 28

### Sunday, July 29

9:30 am Combined Worship Service  
10:30 am Coffee Fellowship hosted by the Merlin's  
11:00 am KCCL Bible Study  
12:15 pm KCCL Worship

*they don't want this home. They along with all of our other 37 children would rather be in their dysfunctional homes and we fight this every inch of the way. No wonder they are angry, no wonder they don't submit, no wonder they urinate at night, no wonder they throw tantrums, no wonder they runaway, no wonder they have a hard time concentrating in school. The list goes on. For each one of these negatives we, as a staff, plant the seed of hope and love. It is a tiring and at times non-rewarding job, but we praise the Lord for those who are here helping us minister to these beautiful children. Pray for our new threesome and for the house parents who are living with their hurts and pains daily.*

Blessings,  
Rod & Tina

**Snaps of VBS kids and LARC participants**



**PJ's Book Club**

PJ's Book Club is scheduled to meet and discuss Robert D. Putnam's book *Our Kids* on the evening of Tuesday, August 21st in the Center for Ministry at Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. (You can currently obtain a copy through Amazon, local bookstores or the Contra Costa County Library.)



**HEALING**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Susie Koeper</i>         | <i>Dona Lawrentz</i>    |
| <i>Kathy Williams</i>       | <i>Howard Hansen</i>    |
| <i>Tony Sanchez</i>         | <i>Dinah Washington</i> |
| <i>Diana Neujahr</i>        | <i>Gloria Enstrom</i>   |
| <i>Harry Howe</i>           | <i>DeLane Riveness</i>  |
| <i>Kathy McCarty Schwab</i> |                         |

**WELLNESS**

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|------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Grace Adams</i>     | <i>Rolf Benseler</i>         |
| <i>Pat Tveitmoe</i>    | <i>Dottie Russell</i>        |
| <i>Cathy Johnson</i>   | <i>Pastor Richard Brewer</i> |
| <i>Kellen Derrough</i> | <i>Carol Kramer</i>          |

**PEACE / COMFORT**

*Kitti Colucci*

**MILITARY**

*Keep our armed forces safe and give them courage, hope and strength.*  
*Brian Henson*      *Megan Howard*

**THOSE WHO GRIEVE**

*The family and friends of Kimberly Huish who died recently after an extended illness.*

*The family and friends of Marlys Howard. Services are pending for mid-August. Information to follow.*




The following was received from one of the LARC families for the VBS participants:

*Dear Teachers & Children,*

*How sweet to receive the very pretty - and artistic bouquets! We chose the one from Clayton. Thank you so much for the cheerful gift!*

*Love,  
 Jim & Nancie*



**O**ur heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Peggy Petersen who died July 15. Peggy was a long-time member of Holy Shepherd (Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church). Among her activities at the church was serving for many years on the Social Ministry Committee. She had been residing in Montana for the last several years. Her son, Rob, said Peggy always cherished her time in CA and the memory of Orinda as her home. Please keep her children, Rob and Tina, in your thoughts and prayers as they go through this difficult time.

Condolences can be sent to: Robert Petersen, 125 South 8th St., Livingston, MT 59047

**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

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|-----------|----------------------------|
| July 29   | The Merlin's               |
| August 5  | Carol Schaaf               |
| August 12 | Amanda Chung               |
| August 19 | Judy Butler / Sally Church |
| August 26 | Steve & Nina Berchtold     |

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| July 24 | <b>Paul &amp; Karen Heuer</b> |
| July 28 | Camille Shanahan              |

